CODOFIL Study Program Expands To New Campuses

Due to outstanding success since its inception three years ago, the Jonquiere summer study program has been expanded to two additional campuses, CODOFIL Chairman James Domengeaux has announced. A number of applicants had to be turned down last year because of too great a demand, Domengeaux said.

The two new campuses are those of Riviere du loup, 110 miles northeast of Quebec City on the South Shore of the St. Lawrence River with the Acadian population of the Gaspe Peninsula and New Brunswick as neighbors, and of St. Jerome, 30 miles northwest of Montreal in the resort section of the Laurentian Mountains, less than an hour’s drive from the Metropolis of Canada and second largest French-speaking city in the world.

Prefer Beginners

Riviere-du-loup and St. Jerome would prefer beginners for this year while Jonquiere, 120 miles north of Quebec City would prefer intermediate and advanced participants.

As Jonquiere this year will focus on intermediate and advanced levels, cost on that campus would have been considerably higher but for a substantial grant from the Department of Education of the Quebec Government which allows the cost to be on a par with the two other campuses, Domengeaux said. He added that CODOFIL is awarding full scholarships to the 10 district rally winners and four state rally winners of French Competition selected by the Louisiana High School Rally Association to one of the three campuses.

Cost of the CODOFIL study program, from July 9 to August 10, at the three campuses is $450 including round-trip transportation, tuition, board and lodging and most extra-curricular activities.

In making the announcement, Domengeaux quoted James Redfern, Chairman of the Foreign Languages Department of Louisiana State University of Baton Rouge, as saying:

Student Performance

“The Canadians are more attuned to the needs of youngsters of American background and upbringing. At the same time, there is no compromise with academic standards... Students perform at a noticeably higher level than do students who have not had the advantages of Jonquiere.”

“Our students who have participated in the Jonquiere program... have received advance placement at some of the nation’s leading universities such as Yale and the University of Texas,” Domengeaux quoted Lafayette High School Foreign Language Chairman, Ethel B. Burleigh, as saying.

“On her return here in September, this student showed such remarkable progress in speaking and understanding French that her teacher advised her to request a promotion to third year French, which meant skipping a whole year of French,” said Sister M. Teresita of Mount Carmel High School in New Orleans.

Most Profitable

“Of all your programs, I consider this to be one of the most profitable to the French movement. These young people from north Louisiana have returned to us from Quebec inspired and eager to support activities which support French as their second language,” stated Carlos Fandal, Head of Foreign Languages at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe.